Two additional Postmen have been deployed for smooth management of delivery work in the area.

I.D.D. Calls between India and Gulf Countries

1509. SHRI G. G. SWELL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of I.D.D. calls made between Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and other Gulf countries and India during the current year ending October, 1991;

(b) the foreign exchange earned through these calls; and

(c) whether Government are losing crores of rupees every year owing to a telephones racket in this circuit involving Indian telephone operators and high-ups in the Telephone Department?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) Sir, normally it takes around 3 to 4 months time for receiving the call data from foreign telecom administrations. The information required can be furnished by February, 1992.

(c) Some allegations to this effect have come to the notice of the Department of Telecom. Vigilance monitoring has been stepped up.

Formation of Telephone Advisory Committee for Assam

1510. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that TAC has been constituted for Assam; and

(b) if so, what is the composition of the same?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir. The TAC was formed. However, it now stands suspended.

(b) Composition of the TAC is given below:

1. Representative of the State Government.
2. Administrator, Municipal Corporation.
3. President, Journalist Association.
4. President, Medical Association.
5. President, Bar Council/Lawyers Association.
6. Vice Chancellor of one of the prominent University.
7. Representative from the professional organisation of Engineers etc.

8 & 9. Public/Social Workers.

10. to 12. MLAs (nominated by Speaker of the concerned State Assembly).

Loss due to theft of telephone cables

1511. SHRI CHUFRAN AZAMI:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited has suffered huge losses due to unchecked theft of telephone cables;

(b) if so, what is the quantum of loss suffered during 1989, 1990 and 1991 till date as a result thereof;

(c) whether Government have made any inquiry into the cable thefts to identify the rackets involved; and

(d) if so, what is the outcome thereof and what action Government have taken against those found involved in the racket?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir. MTNL has suffered losses due to theft of telephone cables in Delhi.

(b) Details are given below for the material loss suffered in Delhi

Year	Approximate loss
	(in Rupees)
1989	5,10,000
1990	12,00,000
1991	22,21,000
	(Upto October 1991)

(c) and (d) The FIRs have been lodged with the police and they are investigating the theft cases.

Cases against gazetted officers

1512. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many cases are under investigation by the Vigilance in the year *1989-90* and *1990-91*, against the Gazetted Officers and out of which how many officers have been punished; and

(b) what steps Government have taken during this period to check the corruption?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) 170 cases against Gazetted Officers were investigated during the year 1989-90 and 203 cases in 1990-91. Out of these, 20 Officers have been punished.

(b) The Departments have made full use of their vigilance machinery for checking corruption at Central, Regional, Circle and Divisional Levels by preventive investigative and punitive vigilance actions. There is a proposal to create special cells in CBI to investigate frauds leading to leakage of telephone revenue.

Inclusion of representatives of SC/ST and Minorities in Selection Committees

1513. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the instructions of Government of August, 1990 for inclusion of representatives of SC/ST and Minorities in the Selection Committees/Boards have been implemented by his Ministry;

(b) if so, what are the details of such bodies and organisations under his Ministry where the instructions have been implemented;

(c) what are the names of the bodies which have not implemented the instructions so far and the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are being taken by the Government/institutions in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The instruction of Government of India, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension, Depratment of Personnel & Training of August 1990 have been circulated to all subordinate its for its implementation.

(b) to (d) The information is not readily available and has to be collected from large number of field units of the Ministry spread all over the country. The same will be collected and laid on the Table of the House as soon as possible.